





Seeking re-election

Former Mayor Wayne Redekop vying for mayor's seat in October election



Summer tradition

The Friendship Festival is back again this year



scores. See page 43



Caught in a sticky situation



A raccoon with a peanut butter jar stuck on its head was rescued from a hydro transformer pole in Fort Erie last Wednesday. The raccoon was freed from the

jar and released near Lake Erie. For more information see page 18.

Time to make way for a new generation'

Doug Martin announced Monday he won'trun again for mayor

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Doug Martin is stepping down as mayor of

A teary-eyed Martin during the Oct. 27 elec- engage the public in held a press conference Monday at town hall to tell a small crowd of

Martin said it is time

reporters he will not for younger leaders to fill throw his hat in the ring council positions and to

tion to serve another municipal affairs through social media.

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Martin to 'take time' for himself to focus on family

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"I deeply and respectfully encourage our youth. especially those in business, to consider public office and to take up the challenges that will be facing Fort Erie in the

future." Martin made his debut in municipal politics as a councillor in 1982, at the age of 33. He served as a regional councillor from 1997 to 2014 and has served two consecutive terms as Fort Erie's mayor since he was elected in 2006. He has also served on various committees and boards such as the Police Services Board and the budget review committee at Niagara Region. After giving up about *2,000 Monday and

Thursday evenings at the town and the Region, as well as the countless weekends" serving as mayor, Martin said it was time to give up his position. "It is time for me to focus

on my family, who have all been very tolerant of the very hectic schedule I have kept, especially as mayor, and our friends who have been right there for me. with their time and support during countless elections.

Martin said when he took the helm as mayor almost eight years ago," he knew there was a need for "substantial changes" to

the slot revenues, which at million for a number of "We were too reliant on its peak was close to \$6 years prior," Martin said.

as mayor, we were able to

slot revenues to offset tax spending, even though it resulted in a significant tax increase for the first few years.

Under his guidance, Martin said all gaming revenues funded by the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation were removed.

Martin said council respected "each other's differences of opinion' during his time as mayor and he believes council "tried to honestly understand opposing views and tried to do what was best for the town."

"Somewhere in the latter part of the first term, opinions started getting polarized and becoming more difficult to reach consensus on many matters," he added.

"Regrets? There is nothing that I would have done differently. You do what you believe in and you do what is best," he said.

Martin said the top election issues mayoral candidates will face include the future of the Fort Erie Race Track and the develop-

ment of industrial lands. "But I felt that it is time to make way for a new generation of leaders, who need time to muster their campaigns and support teams."



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Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin announced Monday that he will not run in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

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Wayne Redekop seeks the mayor's seat

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Former mayor Wayne Redekop thinks Fort Erie needs to be united. That's why Redekop said

he's returning to municipal

Redekop announced his hid for the mayor's office hefore a crowd of people HOW MANY?? at the Italo-Canadian Cluh on Tuesday night. Redekop's news follows Mayor Doug Martin's announcement on Monday that he will not seek re-elec-

"I have known the mayor (Martin) since we were teenagers and I applaud his service to the community,

Redekop said. Redekop said he feels council needs experienced leadership which is why he has chosen to run for

"I helieve elected officials all have to work as a united front for the town," Redekop

He feels that Fort Erie's council "hasn't worked as a united" front for some time.

"I helieve elected officials have to work for the good of the town," he said. "I think they

could have accomplished more if they could look hevond certain distractions worked and

together," he said. There have heen some hig issues that have caused a division in the community." These issues included scrapped 12-storev condominium project for Bay Beach, the Fort Erie Race Track and the Canadian Motor Speedway. Like Martin. Redekop said it "is

important for young people to engage in the public life" of the community."

"However, there needs to he a mix of people with different ages and diverse talents

and skills for a community to succeed and prosper." Redekop, a lawver, was

horn and raised in Fort Erie. He studied at the University of Western Ontario and Osgoode Hall Law School and Brown University.

He was the mayor of Fort Erie from 1997 until 2006. During the time Redekop

served on council, he said he oversaw the construction of a new town hall for Fort Erie, and the Friendship Trail. He also encouraged the revitalization of the Crystal Beach waterfront.

Through revenue raised through a slots facility, Redekop said the town also saw growth in its infrastruc-

"At one period, there was a lot of infrastructure completed within one year. We invested in more infrastructure than any other municipality except St. Catharines, Redekop said.

During his eight years away from the political arena, Redekop has continued to remain involved in the community, serving as a memher of the Ridgeway Lions Club.

He also has served on sev-



WAYNE REDEKOP Special to The Times Wayne Redekop announced Tuesday that he will seek re-election as mayor of Fort

eral hoards including the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre and the hoard of trustees for D'youville College as one of the hoard's first Canadian members.

"I feel my experience is valuable hecause I have hoth Canadian American contacts that can only henefit the Town of Fort Erie," Redekop said.

Redekop helieves the Town should "form partnerships" that will strengthen the community's local and international relationships.



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man in distress in Lake The man had been attending a party with group of friends before he dove off the end of a dock and into water that was

only two-feet deep.

trauma as well as possibly some spinal injuries," said Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen The man, who has not been named, was taken to Erie County Medical

Centre for treatment.

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Check online to see if water's safe to swim

Niagara Region Public Health conduct more than 3,200 offers program for water facilities including pools and

Alison Langley QMI Agency Niagara

spas

Inspection reports for local pools and spas are now available online. Niagara Region Public Health has launched a new online inspection disclosure program for recreational water facilities, including public pools and

InfoSplash is intended to reduce the risk of infections, help improve safety standards and raise consumer awareness, said Glen Hudgin, the region's manager of environmental

health "The main idea is to let people know the status of a pool and whether it has been in compliance with all regulations or if there have been any infractions in the

past," he said. Inspection reports are available on the Region's

Reports will be posted to the website on a regular basis and will include infractions found, date of inspection and inspection

InfoSplash covers hotel and motel pools, municipal pools as well as facilities such as YMCAs. "It is easy to pass on dis-

ease through bathing water. so we want to make sure they're very clean," Hudgin InfoSplash joins several

other public disclosure programs already in place at the region including InfoDine, which lists restaurant inspections, and

InfoInk for local tattoo parlours. Public health inspectors

inspections each year at businesses across the region. The businesses include more than 2,700 restaurants, grocery stores and food vendors and 350 spas. recreational pools and hotel

Any critical infractions must be corrected immediately, and followup inspections are done as required. When necessary, inspectors will issue fines or close the establishment.

Indoor public pools and spas inspections will be conducted at each facility a minimum of six times a

Outdoor public pools and spas are inspected a minimum of four times a year. No facility is given advanced warning of an

upcoming inspection. The Region also tests the water quality at 25 Niagara beaches on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario from late May to early September.

Several popular beaches -such as Bay Beach in Fort Erie, Nickel Beach in Port Colborne and Lakeside Beach in St. Catharines-are tested daily.

The samples are sent to a lab in Hamilton and the results are available in about 18 hours.

The sample results are posted on the Region's website. New this year, the Region will be posting the water temperature at each

"Now when people go on the site to see if the beach they want to go to is available to go to, they can also see what the water temperature is." Hudgin said. The Region also operates

a b e a c h hotline-905-688-8248, ext. 7789-with information on beaches.

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Make the most of your Canada Day celebrations

Most of us will celebrate Canada Day Tuesday in some way or another, whether it means participating in some of the activities planned locally, or having a quiet day with family, maybe offering a toast to our great country with a glass of wine accompanied by the smell of barbecue.

Many of us are fortunate to have been born in Canada, although most of our parents have come here from somewhere, and we have been told how fortunate we are to live in this great country. But we really don't need the telling, we just have to watch an occasional news broadcast, pick up a newspaper or browse the internet to know what others suffer in different parts of the world.

We worry about the future of our food supply, but many around the world are starving now. Clean air? Fresh water? Again, concerns for the future, no guarantees, but we breathe relatively easily, and we are not losing our children at an alarming rate due to disease caused by poisoned water.

Our homes are mostly safe, we complain about our awful roads but we can travel across our vast country on them fairly comfortably. We know, if we have travelled outside our country, that while our infrastructure may not be without problems, we are better off

Do we take our good fortune for granted? Not likely. It doesn't take much to remind us of how blessed we are. Anyone who has ever attended a citizenship ceremony or spoken to recent immigrants will understand the emotions of newcomers to our country, their gratitude a perfect reminder of the quality of life we enjoy and the many reasons others are grateful to make our country their new home.

Make the most of your Canada Day. however you celebrate. Enjoy the fact that it's summer, finally, relish the outdoors. And take a moment at some point during the day to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful, vast, varied country that offers so much to those who call it home.



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Grace Maskell, Susan Rossi, Bonnie (Douglas) Saveall, Gail Mulholland and Richard and Susan Shular for calling in about last week's photo of the installation of officers

for the Fort Erie Kinette Club This photo taken around 1980 shows from left, (front) Bonnie Douglas, Mary Miller and Helen Trinka (back row) Grace Maskell, Debbie

Barb Martin Just to show how small a

world social media has made it, Bonnie (Douglas) Saveall was sent this photo in an e-mail from her former Stevensville Public School principal and a Facebook posting from a former Stevensville student.

Gail and her aunt used 'old school' communication and thanked us for "the

Standring (Gail's aunt) and weekly trip into the past." This week's photo has two great clues-the name Mike Weir is written on the back and Canada's new flag is fly-

ing in the breeze. The latter may help date the photo and if you know which golfer he is or the names of the other golfers, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

letters to the editor

Wall of Fame inductee reflects on Fort Frie

Dear Editor.

It was a thrill to be back in Fort Erie amongst old friends and co-competitors for the recent Wall of Fame senior football coaches induction ceremony conducted by the Kinsmen Club.

The town has long been blessed with strong and dedicated service clubs as well as volunteer coaches.

town for me in which to work and raise a family. Being associated with young people and watching them strive to grow and stretch to reach seemingly unlimited notential was a true joy for me as a coach and teacher. two synonymous terms. As the poet said, "A man's

Fort Erie was a wonderful

(and a woman's) reach should exceed his (and her) grasp or what's a heaven

My advice to young people today is that fame is fleeting, so walk slowly like me! (I now employ a cane.) Once again, thanks for the memories.

Mike Keenan Niagara on the Lake

Town ignores OMB ruling, says reader

Dear Editor.

I live at 60 Dominion Rd., directly across from the Old Fort and right beside what was recently a vacant lot with 72-foot frontage on Dominion Road, and five mature trees along its perim-

On Sept. 4, 2013, there was a meeting at town hall to grant a variance to the bylaw which would allow Ed Lenchyshyn to change the frontage on the lot so he could squeeze two houses on the lot instead of one.

Myself, and a dozen other neighbours attended this meeting to object to the change. We had with us a petition signed by 43 taxpaying citizens who live in the immediate area. Our objections fell on deaf ears and the Town of Fort Erie's planning board granted Mr. Lenchyshyn the change in required frontage.

As I am the closest neighbour to this lot, I appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board and on Jan. 14, this year, both Mr. Lenchyshyn and I presented our sides.

On March 25, a decision from the OMB ruled that the variance could be granted with the condition that a tree preservation plan be prepared by a certified arborist to the satisfaction of the Town to protect the existing trees along the vacant lot.

An arborist report was prepared, however, the Town didn't require Mr. Lenchyshyn to abide by the requirements set out by the OMB, otherwise he would not have been allowed to huild the second house on

the property. I have been to the Town's building and planning department twice, talked to my councillor Rick Shular twice and left messages for him. The Town didn't enforce the OMB's ruling.

I had a meeting with Mayor Doug Martin to ask why the ruling was not enforced and he said Mr. Lenchyshyn would be fined for not upholding the ruling and he seemed to feel the Town had no responsibility to see this ruling upheld.

What I would like to understand is why the Town would change its own bylaws and disregard the objections of 43 tax-paying citizens to do so and then go so far as to ignore a ruling sent down to them from the OMB after an appeal was initiated-all to benefit one man and to the detriment of everyone else in the neighbourhood.

Where one house could have been built and fit nicely with the rest of the surrounding neighbourhood, we now have two shoebox houses crammed together with 10 feet between, sticking out like a sore thumb.

If for any reason, anyone doubts what I am saving, I have the documentation and photos to prove beyond any doubt, what I am saying

Shirley Belanger Fort Erle

opinion page

Keep the kids busy at the library with summer activities

Tell your kids, tell your grandkids, tell your neighhour kids!

July is full of fun for kids of all ages at the Fort Erie Public Library in the Eureka! TD Summer Reading Club. Read for the fun of it; read for rewards: fascinating mood pencils, yummy pizzas, gliders that fly, mini beach balls and erasers, cool popsicles, rubber duckies. French fries or ice cream and lots and lots of stickers-these are just some of the prizes that kids can earn as they add up the number of books read in the summer reading program.

There are no age limits; older children are encouraged to read chapter books and young children can



Fort Erie Public Library

have books read to them. There is no charge; ureka! TD Summer Reading Club is a free program, thanks to the generous support of the Fort Erie Omettes, Avondale Stores, Boston Pizza (Sherkston),

Earl Plato

toward me. He was picking

up the garbage with a long

mechanical hand. He picked

up a paper with it and

He looked familiar. " I am

"Have I met you?" I asked.

Bud collected garbage on

the Trail on the Point Abino

Bud from Bay Beach," he

deposited it in a bag.

I said hello.

McDonald's, Safari Niagara and national sponsor TD Canada Trust.

There is no time limit; registration continues throughout the season for children and teens, because

it's never too late to start your summer reading. Another bonus is a free ticket to see any library showing of The Lego Movie

just for signing up. In this terrific film, an ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special' one, is recruited to join a quest to

stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. Tickets are usually \$3, but Reading Club passes get Eureka! readers in for free.

and the movie will be playing throughout the summer.

This week, The Lego Movie will be shown at the Centennial branch on Saturday, June 28 and Monday, June 30 at 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.

The Crystal Ridge branch will screen The Lego Movie on Wednesday, July 2 and Thursday, July 3 at 2:30 p.m.

There are lots of activities throughout the summer, too, including science programs, craft sessions, family films every Wednesday afternoon at the Crystal Ridge branch and Fridays and Saturdays at Centennial.

This column, our Facebook postings and tweets, and our website

www.fepl.ca, will keep you 'current' with special events each day.

The library is encouraging all ages to "read Canadian, eh?" in honour of our nation's birthday next week. At the Centennial and

Stevensville branches, visitors will find displays of books by Canadian writers. Many of the authors represented have visited the Library over the past years, including Kelley Armstrong, Terry Fallis, Laurence Hill, Linden McIntyre, Ami McKay, Rick Mofina and Richard B. Wright.

A fresh, seasonal bookmark with the subtitle "More than Atwood, eh?" suggests not only recent books, but also new music by Canadian

The official holiday is coming, and interest in celebrating those who plot our mysteries, satirize our way of life and politics, sing our

songs and tell our stories will All branches of the Fort Erie Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 1 for Canada Day.

Our website is always open for browsing the collection and placing holds, and for enjoying music, books and now movies-all available for download through www.fepl.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Plato: Waterfront park is a blesing to water-loving citizens

It was a great Friday on the Friendship Trail. Summer is almost here. All greeted me with a "Hello"

or a wave of the hand. I had two new batteries in my Rambler electric scooter.

I was headed for Six Mile Creek bridge, Just pass Prospect Point road a number of high school students were plunging down the side of the steep embankment on their bikes. I could hear vells as they raced through the muddy trails. School is out! At Six Mile bridge, the

damaged planks had been replaced. I exited the scooter binoc-

ulars in hand. No mud turtles but I heard the "Brummph! " calls of Bull frogs from both sides of the

Then I saw a man walking side west of Ridgeway when



"I'm eighty now." Bud "Every week I walk a four

mile route on this side of Ridgeway. Water bottles are worse then beer cans. I like the trail. We need to keep it

cloon! Hats off to Bud and to others who help to keep our Friendship Trail clean!

Crystal Beach Waterfront Park. What a blessing to the

water loving citizens of Fort

Two names stand out in

my memory about the park Tom Jeacock and Madeline Figgs

I know there were others involved in its origin. Check the plaque at the entrance. Monday through Friday, brother Ed and I after our morning Timmys head to the park.

These past years we play a "How many boat trailers? Or how many Ring-billed

This day Ed won. He guessed 16 trailers. I said 14. About 24 that Friday. As you know there is a beautiful double boat launch

site there. One perch fishing Saturday there were over 50 boat trailers The park with its excellent

playground is well kept. The town has done an excellent



Crystal Beach Waterfront Park

job of new curbing and new paving of the entrance. Historically thanks to Paul Kassay and Rick Doan who continue to add historical memorabilia to Waterfront Park. Take a drive if you

haven't already and check out Crystal Beach Waterfront Park. Worth the trip.

Farl Plato is an author and a resident of Fort Erie.





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Camp counsellor celebrates 40 years of memories

Sarah Ferguson

Fort Erie Times When Ivan Winger recalls his fond memories at Camp Kahquah, be can't help but

That's because he has spent four decades guiding hundreds of children, ages eight to II, during a week at summer camp. This summer, Ivan will celebrate 40 years

as a camp counsellor. Many of the photographs in his Stevensville home serve as a reminder of the old days when he would dress in fun costumes, run and play and take campers fishing, Ivan, known to his campers as 'Uncle Ivan' would teach the youngsters how to skin their catch and cook it over the fire and eat

"You can't do that anymore, because there are so many regulations," he says. The 68 year-old man, an outdoor enthusiast, is waiting with anticipation to return to Camp Kahquah in Magnetawan Ont., this year. He came to Camp Kahquah as a camp counsellor for the first time in 1974. Ivan was 27 vears old. He still runs with the children, and is known for standing up on his seat to

sing his rendition of an Elvis Presley song He has had an opportunity most camp counsellors don't have-he has looked after

two generations of families. "It's strange to think about it, but I've looked after little guys who have gone on to have their own children who come to camp," he says. "I'm hoping I can make it

to see a third generation of children * Ivan sat down with The Times to talk about his experiences at Camp Kahquah.

Question: Do you know what 'Kahquah' means? Answer: It's an aboriginal word for porcupine. Camp Kahquah is in a little town called Magnetawan near hour drive from here, and about 250 miles. The camp itself has been around for 50

O: How did you become involved with Camp Kahquah? A: When I was a kid, our church rented a camp and I

went to it. I really enjoyed it. My church needed volunteers so I wanted to go and

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a counsellor? A: I enjoy working with kids. My wife and I had four girls and I enjoyed taking them camping and fishing, I also have 13 grand kids.

O: What is the strangest or the funniest memory you have of being at camp? A: One of the counselors climbed a tree-this was out in the bush on an overnight trip-and he killed a porcupine. It was bothering the cooked it up and ate it.

O: Did you eat a lot of the animals you found in the A: Oh veah, we had everything up there from frog legs to squirrel. You can't do that now because there are regulations but we used to eat a lot of animals found in the

bush back in the old days. Q: What does a porcupine taste like? A: Everybody says chicken. It definitely has a wild taste to

O: Working with children can be difficult. How do you remain passionate about being a counsellor? A: I just love kids and I manage to keep my patience with

Q: How has being a counsel-lor changed with the introduction of technology like cell phones and Ipads?

Burk's Falls. It's about a four-kids, so he killed it and we A: We try to give them time to contact their families back

before.

home. But the kids are not allowed to have Ipads or anything like that. Being at camp is a time meant for getting away from all of that and teach them all about being in the back of the bush, how to build campfires, and how to survive. It's great because the city kids that come to camp have never seen a fish

Q: What's it like to watch a kid catch a fish for the first time? A: It's exciting. They are excited because they don't

know if they can eat it, or even what the fish is. O: What's your favourite part of being at camp? A: Taking kids fishing for the first time. When they catch their first fish, they have to

give it a kiss on the cheek. O: Over the years, what do you think the children have taught you at Camp Kahquah?

A: You always learn something from the kids-vou're never too old to learn. You learn patience to work with strangers. A lot of kids that come to camp come from different backgrounds, Some children are in need of love and somebody to teach

Q: What challenges have you faced as a counsellor over the years?

A: I've never had it challenging, I enjoy being with the kids. I guess I've never looked at it as a challenge. Maybe trying to help some of the kids is a challenge. You never know what type of background they come from at home and there may be problems there. You try to teach them some camping skills and be there for them in a way that they might not have someone there for them back home. You never know bow you can affect a child's life.

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The members of Fort Erie Credit Union overwhelmingly voted in favour of the proposed merger between Fort Erie Community Credit Union Limited and PenFinancial Credit Union Limited, The vote took place at the Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2014.

The approval was the final step in a process which began in lanuary and will become effective July 1, 2014. Tagether, the merged credit union will have: 8 branches and 11 ATMs serving the Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, St Catharines and Welland communities; retail banking assets of \$430 million; and almost 100 employees to service 19,000 members across the Niagora peninsula. PenFinancial Credit Union and Fort Erie Community Credit Union are both deeply committed to their member-owners, employees, ond the communities they serve.

At the meeting, Board Chair Darryl Clemens and CEO Rebecca Havill announced a special one-time patronage reward to the members of Fort Erie Credit Union. The Board declared the payment to express their deep gratitude to the members for their loyalty and support over the past 62 years.

By investing not only their money but also their trust, the members have been instrumental in ensuring that the credit union remained profitable year ofter year. As such, the Board felt it was very important to demonstrate their co-operative spirit and heartfelt appreciation by returning some of those profits back to the membership. In the coming weeks, members will receive a letter detailing their individual payment.

The Board also declared an behalf of the membership and staff, a \$50,000 danation to be shared among the following charities within the Fort Erie community; Community Outreach, Friends of #6218, Head Injury Association of Fort Erie, Meals on Wheels ond TASC Niogoro.

Thank you to the members of Fort Erie Credit Union!

We are looking forward to a bright and rewarding future as part of the PenFinancial Credit Union family.

Q: What challenges have you faced as a counsellor over the

vears? A: I've never had it challenging. I enjoy being with the kids. I guess I've never looked at it as a challenge. Maybe trying to help some of the kids is a challenge. You never know what type of background they come from at home and there may be problems there. You try to teach them some camping skills and be there for them in a way that they might not have someone there for them back home. You never know how you can affect a child's

See Page 11

Winger has no plans to retire

From Page 10

Q: Do you think you've helped change a child's life' At This one time in a restaurant, this young man came up to me and told me I looked familia: I told him my name was Ivan and he immediately recognized me. You're Uncle Ivan', he told me. When he was little, this young man had some issues at home. He said to me 'You really helped me through this.' He became involved in the properties of the prope

the church because of his time spent with me.

Q: What's the one item you can't leave home without when you're going to camp? A: I can't leave home without my fishing pole.

Q: Do you have any plans to retire as a counsellor? A: No, I'll keep going as long as the camp can use me and I've got the energy to do it.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Stevensville resident Ivan Winger celebrates his 40th anniversary as a camp counsellor at Camp Kahquah. He notums to camp this versident, where he will teach children ages eight to 11 basis curvival shills such as how to start a camp fire and how to fish. Winger doesn't intend on harqing up his counsellor hat anytime soon. He says he'll continue to volunteer his time as long as he is able to





COMMUNITY PROGRAM OUTREACH ERIE Special to TheTimes

The Niagara Woodcarvers Association recently donated \$400 to Community Program Outreach Erie's food bank. The funds were raised from the association's show held in Magara Falls in March. From left, Woodcarvers' Association member Afshin Keyvani, Barb Volzke, of COPE, and Woodcarvers' Association treasurure Laura Hockton.

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Fort Erie Secondary School students Nancy Griffi, Jessica Trouge and Brady Sostomi celebrated the end of the school year by completed their final assignment, a graduation cake which will be on display during the high school's convocation ceremony. The cake, which includes books, a stage, art supplies, and sports equipment, took a month to design. The inside of the cake is made from Styrofoam and the outside layer is made from fondant. Culinary teacher Afshin Keyfani says the cake will be on display at the high school during its Grade 9 open house next fall to promote the school's high skills major culinary program.



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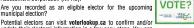
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Tiger dies at Safari Niagara during school trip

Sassy, a 16 year-old tiger, had been battling an age-

related illness, park officials say

Tony Ricciuto

QMI Agency Niagara It's unfortunate that a Siberian tiger named Sassy died last Thursday at Safari Niagara while the park was open and young school children were present, but it's a part of of life, general manager Tim Tykolis said.

Sassy, who was about 16 years of age, had been battling an age-related illness, osteoarthritis- a degenerative, bone-grinding arthritis -and park officials had been monitoring her condition over the last six months.

Crissy Schneider of

Grimsby said her five-

year-old son, Jackson, was

at the park with her hus-

band, Derek, when the incident happened and it was quite upsetting. Her son attends Our Lady of Fatima school

Safari Niagara is a 150acre, privately-owned and operated nature park. It is located in Stevensville and is home to more than 750 animals of native and exotic mammals, reptiles

and birds. Tykolis said Sassy was about eight weeks of age when they got her, several years before the park

It's just unfortunate that it happened when people were in the park. We had been watching her closely and because her age and condition and she had been slowing down. It's a part of life and we're going to miss her

greativ." - Tim Tykolis

opened in 2002. She was an Amur tiger, but most people will be more famil-

iar with the name Siberian "It's the whole circle of life, it happens to animals and to all of us, we live our lives and we pass," said Tykolis, "It's just unfortunate that it happened when people were in the park. We had been watching her closely and because of her age and condition she had been slowing down. It's a part of life and we are going to miss her greatly."

The park will be planting a tree in her honour on World Animal Day in the fall.

Once park officials were notified of the incident. their senior animal care manager attended to assess the situation and the area was sealed off and she was removed from that location.

Sassy was kept with another tiger, a male named Rasha, and they have been together about three years

"It's going to be tough on Rasha and we will have to find him another mate. That could take a bit of time to find him the right mate," said Tykolis.

He noted that people who have season passes get to know many of their animals and miss them when something like this happens. And, that also goes for their staff who have contact with them on a daily basis.

"There were a lot of people who were saddened by her passing and have given their condolences." said Tykolis, who also sent out a notice to their staff and have reported the passing on their Facebook

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Toad Abodes Puttering out in our garden each day, we have noticed some guests that seem to be quite at home in a window well. First we saw 4, then 5 and now we're up to 6. We think they're getting used to us peering at them when we go out periodically to Toads are alert check on them. They are toads. Not pretty, but as useful to a garden as rain. How you ask? By enjoying a buffet of slugs, grubs, snails, earwigs and other garden pests that are the bane of gardeners. A single toad can terra-cotta pot-propping one edge do away with as many as ten thousand of these pests in one growing season. Impressive!

Keeping these garden dwellers safe is something everyone can help with. Here are some pointers to help you understand and help them.

Most people think toads are aquatic, like frogs, but most of their life, they're terrestrial. It's only in spring when they emerge from hibernation do they seek out a shallow pond to spawn. Otherwise, they occupy their time with finding food and shelter. As they don't like to lie and bake in the sun, toads are nocturnal and like damp, cool places. Since gardens tend to be watered. and have a top notch variety of food to choose from, your garden makes a perfect toad abode. If a toad sets up camp and is left alone, it will likely not only stay, but come back year after year to the same spot.

How to help them? First, just taking care will save a lot of them. to danger, and have acute hearing.

When cutting the grass, give them a chance to hop out of danger. You can also provide a toad abode. An easy way is to use an unglazed

up on some flat stones. The not will absorb water and keeps the abode moist and cool in the heat.

Making your garden practices more organic can also help keep toads from being poisoned.

Finally, consider making toads a pond. Without some water, they can't breed. The pond can be small and temporary with shallow sides ...just make sure it doesn't dry out during spring and early summer (while tadpoles are growing). A bit of vegetation in the water and at the sides will protect tadpoles and mating toads. As I prefer toads over slugs, I will be busy creating a few great toad abodes for my little garden dwellers. I hope you, too, will have a toad family or two to help vou with your gardening!

> Gabrielle Todd is a member of the Communities-in Bloom Committee

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Youth takes a stand against bullying

Alison Langley QMI Agency Niagara

Faggot, Dirty, Useless, The hateful words were shot at Justin Preston every day during his early high school years.

The words sliced through him like a knife and the openly gay teen felt isolated and

"I came out at 13 and from there I was bullied all the way to Grade 11," the Fort Erie resident recalled

The bullving became so brutal, he contemplated suicide on a number of occa-

He said it was incredibly difficult being a gay teen in a small town but he was determined to overcome the hate and negativity.

Desnite the cruel taunts and physical attacks - he stood tall and began to ignore

hie tormentore "I started standing up for myself and became a leader

in my school," the 21-year-old said Other young people, however, are not able to deal with

being victimized by their Preston was shocked and angered after hearing that a

15-year-old Ottawa boy had committed suicide after years of bullying. The teen's death was a cat-

alyst for Preston who was determined to stem the tide of bullving. He set up a webcam and

shared his personal story in a four-minute video he posted on YouTube in December He didn't realize at the time

that the video would become an inspiration to other young people who were going through the same things as "I started getting all these

messages saying I was a hero and that I had saved their lives," he recalled. To date, the video has been

viewed more than 25,000

In September 2012, he created the Facebook page Rise Against Bullying.

The page focuses on personal stories of struggles and triumphs against bullving from across the globe.

The page has received almost 24,000 likes in less than two years.

He receives around 50 messages a day through the site. Many messages are from people offering words of encouragement while others are heart-wrenching stories of despair.

"It's tough growing up," he nods. "I know. I was there. I felt all alone. Now, I tell kids that they're not alone." He's even forgiven his tor-

mentors

"Accept and forgive. Whatever they've done to me, I forgive them." Preston was recently recog-

nized for his anti-bullying He received a volunteer award from Pride Niagara and as well as an Inspire Award, which honours people in the LGBTO community

in the Toronto area. "I use to tell myself that I was from a small town and



the attention of the Niagara

answered a knock at his door

and was met by Lynda

Dreston

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Justin Preston

that I wouldn't achieve anything or make anything of myself. I'm starting to realize that I was wrong." "I never thought it would get better but it does get bet-

ter. I'm living proof of that." In addition to the recent accolades, he's also caught Hughes, a detective sergeant with the Fort Erie detachment

"I was like 'what's going on? I don't have any charges against me," he said with a "All I've been doing is rais-

ing awareness of bullying and telling kids there's a brighter future out there for them. Am I getting in trouble for that?" With a camera rolling nearby, Hughes presented Preston with tickets to see Lady Gaga next month in Buffalo. "She's my hero. My inspira-

tion. I couldn't believe it," he said of the pop music star. Hughes said she was impressed with Preston's pas-

sion and motivation. "I learned about his Rise Against Bullying campaign and watched it grow," she

"I witnessed the positive impact he had in the community and was impressed with how many people he was helping deal with issues he himself had to deal with at one time. It was inspiring to see a voung man work so hard to make a difference in the world!

Hughes felt Preston deserved to be rewarded for his efforts and decided to surprise him with the concert tickets. She also wanted to have the

exchange videotaped so Preston could share it on his social media pages to promote the campaign. "Individuals like Justin empower others to feel good

about themselves and give them the courage to stand up to challenges they face in



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Organizers hope for good weather for **Friendship Festival**

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Flo Odding is keeping her fingers crossed for good weather during Fort Erie's

signature summer event. The Friendship Festival kicks off its five-day celebration on Friday June 17 and concludes with a spectacular firework display to mark Canada's birthday on

Tuesday, July 1. "Last year, we had one day where it didn't rain," Odding, the festival's manager, said.

"It (the weather) impacted the festival but we're still here. We had to do a lot of juggling to be here." At \$250,000, Odding said

the festival's budget is smaller than it used to be during stronger economic times. "We do have a lottery license in Town so some of

the money is raised through Bingo funds, but otherwise, we get no money from the Town," Odding said.

"We raise the rest of the money for the festival through grants and sponsorships-contrary to what peo-

ple think." Even though the festival is smaller than it used to be during its heyday, Odding

said the small festival can still attract a large crowd. "On our Saturday night concert last year, we had over 3,000 people for our music." As for the actual estimate

of guests, Odding said it's "hard to say. "People always say thou-

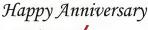
sands of people attend. I know we were down from last year because of the yucky

sold lots of tickets."



See Page 44 An Elvis Presley impersonator performed at a previous Friendship Festival shown here in this file photo.







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Peanut butter jar lands raccoon in a jam

Raccoon is recovered after it was trapped at the top of a hydro transformer with a jar wedged

on its head

Rill Sawchuk OMI Agency Niagara

A search for a tasty treat ended in a raccoon rescue last Wednesday.

The raccoon found itself in a sticky situation in Fort animal free Erie, on Princess St. at the "We think she is a mom. Niagara Blvd. just north of so there are some babies the Peace Bridge, after it that are very happy as

was trapped at the top of a to the very top and just sat. hydro transformer pole with a peanut butter jar wedged on its head.

"We have a very happy raccoon," said Fort Erie SPCA manager Wendy Trombley, after setting the

"She was sitting at the

top of pole. She tried to

come down, but was

scared. She went back up

She didn't know what to do with herself. People have to wash the containers in their recycle bin. Raccoons like that little bit that we don't care about. and they will go for it and get stuck."

It took about three hours to rescue the raccoon and release it. One witness said the raccoon had been up the pole most of the night. "It is kind of comical, but it's hard for the animal to see and it's very hot in that

little space in the jar," Trombley said.

"I'm not sure how she ended up the pole. Somebody may have tried to help her and scared her, or a dog may have fright-

ened her." The SPCA, fire department and Canadian Niagara Power workers all

assisted in the rescue. Hydro staff did a quick canvass of the the neighbourhood, including a nearby Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, before

shutting off the power to protect the animal control officer and the raccoon

during the rescue.

"The fire department came down and took our officer, Mark Dickson, up in the cherry-picker with the cage and the control stick." Trombley said. "He looped the racoon. We got her in the cage, and I was able to get my hand in, I grabbed the jar and I got Mark to pull down on the raccoon's body a bit and

the jar slipped off. "We needed the power off. The other danger is the raccoon falling as we were trying to rescue it. We were prepared on the ground for that. We had a cage stuffed with blankets, and if she fell we were going to try to catch her and give her a soft landing."

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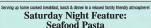


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What's but in mattress trends these days? erwhing cool, according to Mike Mulholland, owner of Bestway

The St. Cathurines businessman has kept pace with the latest trends ine st. Camerine premiserant has sop pace with the intest terms for more than two decades while operating a custom mattress manufacturing business and showroom on Scott Street in St.

"Memory form came out about 10 years ago, but it was retaining too much beat, so never styles are gel-infused in a bead or liquid form, and that reduces the heat from the body," Mulholland explains.

and-emeration mattress maker, he knows the important

of creating custom comfort for every customer. In the modern world, we all deserve the best sleep possible to face every fast-paced, stress-filled day.

Bestway delivers, by having the ability to manufacture each n to suit a variety of body shapes, sizes and support needs.

Consider two people, each weighing 250 pounds, but one at a height of 5-foot-5 and the other at 6-5oot-5. The way they carry their body weight will differ, and so will their support needs in a mattress. Couples can face a similar dilemma, he notes, but again, by meeting with the customer in the showroom, discussing their wants and needs, Bestway's staff are then able to create the mattress that will And unlike other stores, if the mattress needs adjusting, Bestway will pick it up, make the necessary adjustments, and deliver it back to the customer, all in the same day and with no extra charge. The same guarantee also applies if the customer takes a few days to sleep

Bestway has also adopted a greener approach to mattress making in the past few years, offering natural product components and options, such as organic cotton and bamboo pulp, as well as natural-sourced latex rubber. The bamboo pulp is another way of producing

that cooling sensation, Mulholland notes. Shorn all around and then come and see us to compare. We like to

direct bere from the manufacturer."

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Sanctuary offers art camps to youth ages three to 12

Artist Laurie Damon Boese's action figure photography to be featured during

Nadine Pizzicarola

Fort Erie Times

Alright, June is hurrying

It's hard to believe but

summer seems to be in a rush. I hope you all make

the best out of this most

this area from music to

street festivals and let's not

forget all the parties, bon-

fires, weddings and more.

Nature itself offers us so

much joy and opportunity

There is so much to do in

glorious time of the year.

to enjoy our leisure time. We truly live in a great

Now. I would like to remind you of the art camps the Fort Erie Art Council has created to keep your little artist happy and busy throughout the summer.

The art classes are designed for children between three and 12 years

For more information and to register, please email the Arts Council to forterieartscouncil@gmail. You will also find details

about the various classes on www.thesanctuavarts. Who doesn't like Super

Heroes and Action Figures.

The artist Laurie Damon Boese is inviting you to his open house on July 20 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Action Figure Photography exhibit will adorn the walls of The Sanctuary the month of July. I am intrigued.



Nadine Pizzicarola

Every year, I am looking forward to the hustle and bustle of Ridgeway Summer Festival - Ridgeway's very own street fest with lots of food, arts and crafts, music, activities for children and

I just love to see our community so full of life, people and joy. For the 3rd year in the row, the ladies of the Lions' club - The Lionesses - have been working tiredness to put together a Psychic Fair at The Sanctuary.

Vendors of different varieties are offering everything one could desire in the spiritual department from experts in working with Tarot cards to inspired jewelry. And that is not all. On July 5, you get the chance to

be part of a real séance. My trusty source tells me freaky things like moving tables have occurred at the séance last vear. If vou are rather sceptical, you now have the opportunity to see

for yourself Tickets to this event are sold by the Lionesses of The Ridgeway Lions Club. To get you in the right mood for Ridge Fest, we at

The Sanctuary have something special in the works for you on July 4th. One of the most iconic Canadian alternative rock bands, 54-40 is coming to Ridgeway to play at The Sanctuary. 54-40 was formed in 1981 in Tsawwasses. British Columbia, Over more than 30 years in the music business, the band created 13 studio albums with count-

I dare say that you are probably very familiar with the work of the artist who will support 54-40 at this show. His name is Andrew

His talent has been featured in many television shows, films and commercials most famously "Time for Tim's" for Tim Horton and a piece for Alexander

Keith's beer. The songs on Austin's debut album "While It's Still Light Out" draw pictures of love, life, missed opportunities intertwined with the idea of not leaving "things unsaid". This is the success story

of one of the most listened to musicians in our country, you've never heard of, I am confident this is about to change. You heard it here first. Andrew Austin is a musical force to be reck-

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people. Marty has an amazing testimony of how God's grace rescued him from the pain of his past and instilled in him a passion for God and for others. Marty was a key organizer of the "Good Friday Together" service in 2013 that drew more then 13,000 people from ell welks of life to worship Jesus together at the First Niagara Center in Buffalo. Marty and his wife, Patty, are the parents of three boys and 5 grandchildren. He is an avid weight-lifter who holds State records in the bench press and dead lift.



Worship Leader: Elmwood Drive What started out as a desire for live worship at their

local church, graw into a ministry that changed their lives forever. Their passion is simple: to be real and to bring an authentic, God centered, Spirit filled worship to the ears and heerts of the people they worship with. With vocals led by Corey Coogan, driving guitar parts

by Eric Todaro and James Wilson, creative rythyms courtesy of Billy Wilkins on bass and Mike Secchiaroli on drums, and Corey Buck and Eric Winfield on keys, this 7 piece band is sure to bring everything they have and leave it all at the altar. Elmwood Drive's live sound can only be rivated by their desire to see people's lives changed through worship.





Support for guide dogs



DIANNE PARKER Special to The Times
This year, the Rob Parker Memorial Dog Guide Fundraiser ralsed \$5,000 for the The Lion's Foundation of Canada. From left, (front) Duke, Helen Kempster, Julie Jelenk of the Lions Foundation, Steve Parker,



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During the, event new Canadian citizens will swear an oath of citizenship, afterwards receiving their certificates of citizenship with a small reception to follow. The Fort Erie Multicultural

The Fort Erie Multicultural Centre received distinction and an award in September 2013 from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recognizing their

for Refugees recognizing their humanitarian work. 2014 marks Fort Erie's thirtieth anniversary of refugee assistance. In addition, a celebration was

held on June 20 marking United Nations World Refugee Day, at Old Fort Erie for students learning English as a second language. In the evening, further marking the events, lights at the Peace Bridge, Niagara Falls and the CN Tower in Toronto were blue in honour of the event.





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FESS student wins gold in skills competition

Sarah Ferguson Fort Frie Times

Shelbey Leesley's topnotch communication skills and confidence helped her win gold at the District School Board of Niagara's Technological

Skills Competition.
She went on to compete
and win silver at the
Ontario Technological
Skills Challenge in the Job
Interview Challenge. The
competition was held in

Waterloo from June 4 to 7.

"During the skills competition in Waterloo, I was competing against 17 other school boards so it really was an honour for me," Leesley said.

As part of the competition, the Grade 12 student was applying for a waitress, busser or hostess position. Leesley spent weeks preparing for the challenge with Fort Erie Secondary School's culinary teacher

Afshin Keyvani.
"I met with Mr. Keyvani every day after school and we went through my strengths and weaknesses,"

"I really practiced my interview techniques and I was able to do well because of the work I put into it."

of the work I put into it."

Leesley attributed her success in the skills competition challenge to her time spent working at the school's student-run Pomegranate Restaurant.
"I started volunteering at

the Pomegranate last year. My time working with Mr. Keyvani really gave me insight into the industry so I knew how to respond to a lot of the questions in the interview." Leesley said.

interview," Leesley said.

Connie Engels, the head of co-operative education at FESS, said staffs at the high school are proud of Leesley's performance at the province-wide skills

competition.

"This competition is like
a basketball team going to
compete at SOSSA."

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Engels said Leesley worked "very hard" to prepare for the competition, but it was her "personality that shone through" that led Leesley to win silver.

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Grade 12 student Shelbey Leesley won first place in the District School Board of Niagara's
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From the gardeners journal: Summer has finally arrived

Ruth Vold Markle Special to The Times

It does seem to me this past week was all about

golden colour. From the sky and Lake water on those early walks at the old Erie Beach Park to the mellow evenings when the sun seems to hang suspended for the last bits of light-what a warm and incredibly pleasant few days

it has been. As I ride and walk and see so much in bloom I am once again impressed by the care

we put into our outside Take a little spin out along the Niagara Parkway and enjoy those beautiful homes and trees. Or walk along the Lakeshore on the Friendship Trail and pass by neighbours working away and chatting

as they do. You can drive along almost every street and see colour and a very personal touch to each place. I think we wait until the warmer season to demonstrate our creativity and after that comes, there are no boundaries to it!

So summer has officially arrived by the calendar. We knew it by the excitement in

the voices at recess at the local school. We knew it by the number of boats on the Lake and in the River, And we knew it because the hummingbirds are back!

I have been thinking about these energetic birds this week as they have arrived again. At our bush in the north they seem to arrive at our deck while we are carrying our supplies in to the

They hover and wait for the feeder to appear. How do they know we are coming?

And the other question is in our hardwood bush there is little ground growth and yet they arrive from no where (it seems) and appear looking for food. So I am wondering, where in this dense bush do they stay?

While thinking on these little 'helicopter' birds I did some quick research and found 15 perennials that would help attract them: These are: Monarda (Bee Balm). Butterfly Weed. Cardinal Flower, Columbine, Coral Bells, Crocosmia, Evening Primrose, Hyssop,

Pinkroot, Maltese Cross, Penstemon, Red Hot Poker, Salvia, Speedwell and Verbena. There is an annual

that attracts hummingbirds too, it is 'Sparkler Bush' Cleome. These flowering plants bring a nice mix of colours and sizes for your space and a' welcome home'

'mat for hummingbirds. While enjoying these lovely little birds I have noticed that once again we have a robins nest underway. This is our second sighting this year and brings great enjoyment as we watch mom and dad and these little birdies. What a lesson in industrious nest building in a short time and intense care for the

babies when they arrive! The great backyard adventure this week was the arrival of Rocky Raccoon who has been munching on the garbage bags on garbage day. It seems like all we neighbours have had our turn with him. The pups treed him on Sunday afternoon in the bush but I suspect he is still in the area. Hopefully this fellow is flying solo.

The vegetables on the deck seem to be safe from munching marauders so I think our little experiment in containers has been successful so

And the butterflies keep coming. I have added a few flat rocks as I learned that the

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butterflies would sun themselves wings facing the sunshine on flat rocks. So far that experiment is also working

As the peonies, iris and roses are in full bloom our garden has filled out with colour and fragrance. My personal favorite annual for fragrance is nicotiana or flowering nicotine...even in the late evening there is a

light and sweet smell wherever these are planted. They certainly do add to the pleasant rhythms of the garden. The next few weeks will

bring more life and colour and fragrance. I hope we all have the opportunity to take some moments and truly stop and smell the roses whatever we are doing and

wherever we are going... Or maybe enjoy a still sit

down by a peaceful backyard pond or visit with friends and neighbours in the mellow evening light...

As these lovely days follow each other I hope we can all keep growing!

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Jump Rope for COPE



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Sports

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Athlete learns to conquer his training challenges

Dave Pantano modifies training exercises so he can increase his fitness while using

his wheelchair Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times Physical training can be difficult, but Dave Pantano faces more challenges than the average person. The 25 year old has a condition called Spina Bifida Spina Bifida is a condition occurs during the first four weeks of pregnancy. A child is born with the condition when the spinal column doesn't develop properly, causing varying degrees of permanent damage to a baby's spinal

cord and nervous system.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times Dave Pantano trains at Wiebe's Fitness Revolution in Fort Erie. He works with his trainer to modify exercises that he can do in his wheelchair



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Pantano and fitness instructor work as a team

Although Pantano requires a wheelchair to get around, he doesn't let his disability stop him. He recently began training at Wiebe's Fitness Revolution in Fort Erie to improve his

strength and physical fit-

ness.
"I've only been here about one month but I already feel healthier, I'm more awake and a lot more accomplished."

Pantano wanted to get in shape for the upcoming hockey season with the Niagara Thunderblades. Pantano has been competing in sledge hockey since he was eight-years-old, first

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Someone has always told me I couldn't do something. But my response to anyone who says that is 'Just

watch me'." Ro

competing with the Fort Erle Sharks. He has also represented Team Ontario in 2004. Keeping in top physical

shape can be difficult for Panano because he is restricted to exercises he can do in a wheelchair. Pantano said he enjoys training at Wiebe's because the gym is "open and acces-

sible."
Pantano, a Niagara
College Graduate trains
daily with fitness experts
Rob Wiebe, who has developed a personalized fitness
routine for him.

Wiebe modifies workout routines to meet Pantano's

abilities.
"I learn a lot from Dave,"
Weibe said.
"I usually tailor routines

to meet an individual's needs and fitness goals. Dave is an entity all by himself. We're a team and we

work together."

Pantano wants everyone to know that just because he has a disability it doesn't

mean it limits what he can do. "Someone has always told me. I. couldn't do some-

me I couldn't do something."
But Pantano keeps a positive attitude. "My response

to anyone who says that is, watch me."

Pantano is working with Weibe to offer a hockey training camp at Weibe's Fitness Revolution. For more information visit online at wave with perfitness revo.



Pharmacists sunscreen

Sometimes the sunscreen siele can be difficult to navigate. However, it is important to understand what you are buying. There were around 60,000 new cases of meanons (an increase of 2.5% per year in the past decade) and around 8,000 deaths from melanona in the U.S. in 2006. SFF is often mileuroderstood. SFF applies only to UVB rays. SFF is a number that estimates how long a

person can stay in the sun without an obvious sunburn. If a person would burn in 10 minutes with no protection, use an SF of 10 will protect fifteen times longer or for 150 minutes, and SFF of 30 would protect thirty times longer or 300 minutes. Which is protected the sunburnes of the sunburn

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Sometimes patients complain of sensitivity or rash from their sunscreen. These patients should look for a sunscreen blocker with either zinc code or titanium dioxide. It is the other ingredients in sunscreens which can cause the irritation.

Even if a product is listed as water resistant it still needs to be reapplied after swimming or heavy sweating. It may only be effective for up to 40 minutes in water.

Sunscreen needs to be applied 20 minutes before exposure and reapplied every 2 hours. About one ounce is needed to cover the full body.

Oon't buy sunscreen't buy repellant combo products. Sunscreen should be applied before insect repellent. Insect repellent doesn't need be reapplied as flequently as sunscreen and applying them at the same time may increase the absorption of DEET.

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If you do get a sumburn it is best to apply cool compresses and a good moisturizer. It you put the lotion in the fitigle it will have an added cooling effect. Avoid gets and ointments as they can hold the heat in and make your burn feel worse.

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Four plagues added to Sports Wall of Fame

Fort Erie Kinsmen hosted induction ceremony

Friday at Leisureplex

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

It was "quite a journey" to arrive at this year's class of Sports Wall of Fame inductees

Cathy Dennahower, chairman of the Sports Wall of Fame nominating committee, was thrilled to see the Leisureplex bursting with family, friends and sports enthusiasts alike during Friday's induction ceremony for the Fort Erie Sports Wall of

"What a wonderful evening. I'm so proud to have everyone here," she told more than 250 people who

attended the ceremony. The event, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, is organized by the Fort Erie Kinsmen. This year's class inductees included Bill Neale, an amateur Olympian and professional skater. Doug Reid, an amateur and professional hockey player and Travis Hill, an amateur and professional lacrosse player. Also included in this year's class of inductees are 20 Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School football coaches.

Dennahower said the inductees "are exceptional" and have shown great pride and skill in their athletic accomplishments.

Neale, the first inductee of the night to accept his award, said his successful career in figure skating would not have been possible without his parents.

"I know they would be proud of me," he said. "I credit my parents for

my success throughout my career as a skater. Neale won numerous singles, pairs and dance



Bill Neale



titles, which included the 1962 Canadian Junior Men's Championships. In 1965, he placed secin the World

Invitational Championships and went on to skate as a principal performer in the Ice Capades and Holiday on

Neale said his parents would be excited to know

that Neale will be remembered on his hometown's Sports Wall of Fame. Hill brought his family and friends to the ceremo-

ny and thanked them for their support during his

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career as a professional lacrosse player,

"I'd like to thank my family and friends who made many sacrifices," he said. "I'm one of the lucky

Hill was offered a scholarship to play lacrosse at College in North Carolina. He later transferred to

Canisius College in Buffalo. St. Andrew's Presbyterian

NY where he continued to play lacrosse.

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More than 20 people honoured at ceremony

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Hill played with the NLL's Minnesota Swarm between 2005 and 2011 and he closed out his career in the NLL. winning the championship the Rochester Knighthawks in 2012.

"To be able to go out on top of his career is what any athlete dreams of," he said. Doug Reid was "thrilled"

and "honoured" to be in the 2014 class of inductees into the Fort Erie Sports Wall of He was one of owners of the

ers in Fort Erie that sold hockey equipment to generations of players. Doug opened the store with

his brother Tom Reid in 1970 which later closed in 2009. Doug Reid is a lifelong Fort

Erie resident who is wellknown in the sports community His father Al Reid, his brother Tom and his daughter. Charmaine Reid, are among the inductees on the Wall of Fame. He was honoured for his professional



Doug Reid

hockey career and his lifetime contribution to the sport as a Kinsmen hockey coach throughout the 40 years of the Doug and Tom

Reid Sports Centre.

"It's an honour to be on the wall with my dad, my brother and my daughter," he said. "Thank you for sharing this day with our family."

Bobby Fox accepted the award for 21 football coaches who led RCBHS and FESS students to championship titles over the course of 60 years in high school football

To narrow down the list of many deserving coaches, which include John Albinson, Pat Hudak and Calvin Nigh. the Bobby Fox Trophy was selected as the central theme for FESS and RCBH's accomplishment in Zone 3 of the Southern Ontario Secondary School Association.

The Bobby Fox Award is among the oldest prizes for high school football in Ontario.

Fox said the goal of an educator is "to get the students educated."

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame honoured former high school football coaches from Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.

"Their job didn't end when "monumental accomplishthe football season ended." ments! The purpose of Friday's induction ceremony was "to

"A special congratulations to all the men and previous

Wall of Fame," He said. *Fort Erie is lucky to have so many great athletes. sarah.fenzuson@sunmedia.ca

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Fort Erie Cannons begin to gel

Fort Erie Cannons Special to The Times

After an eye opening loss last Sunday to the Welland Chiefs, the Cannons have responded nicely winning back to back games against the St Catharines Cobras. and the Thorold White

Last Sunday, the short benched Cannons travelled to Welland, and were handed a 8-3 loss.

Some costly errors, lack of clutch hitting, and having a short bench made it a tough day for

Rio Vista Retirees

Roberts, Rvan, Woehl

and Shumilak win first

Tony Vanderklei

Special to The Times

the Green and Camo. Last Wednesday in a game versus the Cobras. even after trailing 5-1 after two innings, the Cannons rallied and overcame the four-run deficit for the 7-6 win.

Riley Zimak earned his first career win for the Cannons, chucking 6 strong innings of threerun baseball.

Catcher Lucas Cummings helped his young pitcher out by going 3-3 at the dish with a clutch RBI. Hometown favourite Pat "Meatball" Giampaolo sealed the

deal with a 2 run homer-

un in the 4th inning. The next night, the boys travelled to Thorold to take on the new look

White Sox. It was a well pitched game by both Brian Mcsweven and Thorold

starter Ryan Venne. The two battled hard. used their defence, but it was the Cannons coming out on top of the the 4-3 final in extra innings. Rookie starter Mcsweven also chucked six 1/3 innings of two run baseball, giving the Cannons back to back starts from their young promising talent

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Old favourites such as Birds of Prey and reptiles

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Odding is looking forward

to this year's festival and she is optimistic about its atten-

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tions on site" Dancers will also be at the fesval goers a few

Ken Beattie, of

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Federation will

attend and teach

youngsters about

Canadian

The Birds of Prey are also back this year. 'We also have our famous reptiles-everyone likes them," Odding said.

Car enthusiasts will also enjoy the return of the festival's annual car show. The festival will offer plenty of activities for the youngsters at its Kidz Zone which

will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kids can enjoy face painting, storytelling, crafts and sand art. "The car show is always

planes are also coming back and there will be an eightfoot span model plane." The festival will also offer up five nights of concerts featuring local talent at

Mather Arch Park. "We've got some really talented people that come out

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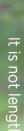
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Obituaries Obituaries DOOLITTLE, Larry - On Monday June 16th 2014, Larry passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital in his 69th year. He is survived by his loving wife Donna, daughters Elaine, Elleen (Will) Akershoek and son Wayne (Deanna). Also survived by Tracy (Bill) Jennings and Carol (John) Goodacre, several grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nephews and nieces. Predeceased by son James, parents Harold Sr. and Laura, brothers Harold Jr and Ronald and sister Sharon. Special thanks to Dr. Scher and nurses of Palliative Care for the attention and care provided. Funeral arrangements entrusted WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES. Ridgeway. Cremation has taken place as per Larry's wishes and a graveside service

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